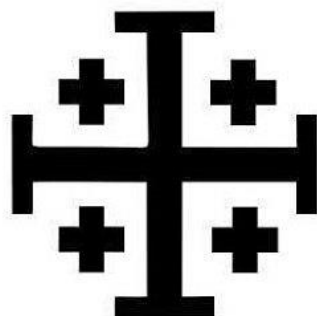


Funeral  
and  
Holy Eucharist

Felicia Jeyarajah

July 13, 1931 – September 25, 2024



September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024

5:00 PM

Church of the Apostles

Coppell, Texas

The Rt. Rev. Dr. George R. Sumner, Bishop

The Rev. Timothy B. Cherry, Rector

*Please stand*

## PROCESSIONAL HYMN

*KING OF LOVE MY SHEPHERD IS*

*Henry Baker*

The King of love my Shepherd is,  
Whose goodness faileth never:  
I nothing lack if I am His  
And He is mine forever.

Where streams of living water flow  
My ransomed soul He leadeth,  
And where the verdant pastures grow,  
With food celestial feedeth.

In death's dark vale I fear no ill  
With Thee, dear Lord, beside me;  
Thy rod and staff my comfort still,  
Thy cross before to guide me.

Thou spread'st a table in my sight;  
Thy unction grace bestoweth;  
And, oh, what transport of delight  
From Thy pure chalice floweth!

And so through all the length of days  
Thy goodness faileth never;  
Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise  
Within Thy house forever.

*(Officiant)* I am Resurrection and I am Life; says the Lord. Whoever has faith in me shall have life, even though he die. And everyone who has life, and has committed himself to me in faith, shall not die forever. As for me, I know that my Redeemer lives and that at the last he will stand upon the earth. After my awaking, he will raise me up; and in my body I shall see God. I myself shall see, and my eyes behold him who is my friend and not a stranger. For none of us has life in himself, and none becomes his own master when he dies. For if we have life, we are alive in the Lord, and if we die, we die in the Lord. So, then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's possession. Happy from now on are those who die in the Lord! So it is, says the Spirit, for they rest from their labors.

*Celebrant*  
*People*

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

*Celebrant*            Let us pray.

O God of grace and glory, we remember before you this day our sister Felicia. We thank you for giving her to us, her family and friends, to know and to love as a companion on our earthly pilgrimage. In your boundless compassion, console us who mourn. Give us faith to see in death the gate of eternal life, so that in quiet confidence we may continue our course on earth, until, by your call, we are reunited with those who have gone before; through *Jesus Christ* our Lord. **Amen.**

O God, whose mercies cannot be numbered: Accept our prayers on behalf of your servant Felicia and grant her an entrance into the land of light and joy, in the fellowship of your saints; through *Jesus Christ* our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Most merciful God, whose wisdom is beyond our understanding, deal graciously with Felicia's family in their grief. Surround them with your love, that they may not be overwhelmed by their loss, but have confidence in your goodness, and strength to meet the days to come: through *Jesus Christ* our Lord. **Amen.**

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

*Revelation 21:2-7*

*Angeli Jeyarajah Hoerner*

I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

See, the home of God is among mortals.  
He will dwell with them as their God;  
they will be his peoples,  
and God himself will be with them;  
he will wipe every tear from their eyes.  
Death will be no more;  
mourning and crying and pain will be no more,  
for the first things have passed away."

And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life. Those who conquer will inherit these things, and I will be their God and they will be my children."

*Reader*  
*People*

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.**

**He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.**

**He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.**

**Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.**

**Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.**

**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.**

*Priest*                      The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.  
*People*                      ***Glory to you, Lord Christ.***

Jesus said, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."                      (*John 14:1-6*)

*Priest*                      The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People*                      ***Praise to you, Lord Christ.***

**EULOGY**

*D. Rohan Jeyarajah*

**HOMILY**

*Please stand.*

## **THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

For our sister Felicia, let us pray to our Lord *Jesus Christ* who said, “I am Resurrection and I am Life.”

Lord, you consoled Martha and Mary in their distress; draw near to us who mourn for Felicia, and dry the tears of those who weep.

**Hear us, Lord.**

You wept at the grave of Lazarus, your friend, comfort us in our sorrow.

**Hear us, Lord.**

You raised the dead to life; give to our sister eternal life.

**Hear us, Lord.**

You promised paradise to the thief who repented; bring our sister to the joys of heaven.

**Hear us, Lord.**

Our sister was washed in Baptism and anointed with the Holy Spirit; give her fellowship with all your saints.

**Hear us, Lord.**

She was nourished with your Body and Blood; grant her a place at the table in your heavenly kingdom.

**Hear us, Lord.**

Comfort us in our sorrows at the death of our sister; let our faith be our consolation, and eternal life our hope.

Lord *Jesus Christ* we commend to you our sister Felicia, who was reborn by water and the Spirit in Holy Baptism. Grant that her death may recall to us your victory over death, and be an occasion for us to renew our trust in your Father’s love. Give us, we pray, the faith to follow where you have led the way; and where you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, to the ages of ages. **Amen.**

Remember your servant Felicia, O Lord, according to the favor which you bear to your people; and grant that, increasing in knowledge and love of you, she may go from strength to strength in the life of perfect service in your heavenly kingdom; through *Jesus Christ* our Lord. **Amen.**

Lord *Jesus Christ*, by your death you took away the sting of death: Grant to us your servants so to follow in faith where you have led the way, that we may at length fall asleep peacefully in you and wake up in your likeness; for your tender mercies' sake. **Amen.**

Grant, O Lord, to all who are bereaved the spirit of faith and courage, that they may strength the meet the days to come with steadfastness and patience; not sorrowing as those without hope, but in thankful remembrance of your great goodness, and in the joyful expectation of eternal life with those they love. And this we ask in the of *Jesus Christ* our Lord. **Amen.**

Almighty God, Father of mercies and giver of comfort: Deal graciously, we pray, with all who mourn; that, casting all their care on you, they may know the consolation of your love; through *Jesus Christ* our Lord. **Amen.**

## THE PEACE

*Celebrant*                      The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People*                              **And also with you.**

## THE DOXOLOGY

*Genevan Psalter, 1551*  
*(Old Hundredth)*

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;**  
**Praise him all creatures here below.**  
**Praise him above ye heavenly hosts;**  
**Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

## HOLY EUCHARIST

The Great Thanksgiving

*Celebrant*                      The Lord be with you.  
*People*                              **And also with you.**  
*Celebrant*                      Lift up your hearts.  
*People*                              **We lift them to the Lord.**  
*Celebrant*                      Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
*People*                              **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

*(Celebrant continues)*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth...through *Jesus Christ* our Lord; who rose victorious from the dead, and comforts us with the blessed hope of everlasting life. For to your faithful people, O Lord, life is changed, not ended; and when our mortal body lies in death, there is prepared for us a dwelling place eternal in the heavens. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

*Celebrant and People*

SANCTUS

*(Spoken by all)*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

*Celebrant*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent *Jesus Christ*, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world. On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord *Jesus Christ* took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this † for the remembrance of me." After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this † for the remembrance of me."

*Celebrant*

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith.

*Celebrant and People*

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

*Celebrant*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify † us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your Son *Jesus Christ*. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*Celebrant* As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray (*spoken*)

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

## **The Breaking of the Bread**

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread*

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

*People* **Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

*Celebrant* The † Gifts of God for the People of God.



## COMMUNION

### HOW GREAT THOU ART

*Carl Boberg & Stuart K Hine*

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder  
Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made,  
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,  
Thy power throughout the universe displayed.

### **Refrain**

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee;  
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!  
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee;  
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!

When through the woods and forest glades I wander  
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees,  
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur,  
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze. (*Refrain*)

### WHAT A FRIEND WE HAVE IN JESUS

*Joseph M. Scriven*

What a friend we have in Jesus,  
All our sins and griefs to bear!  
What a privilege to carry  
Everything to God in prayer!  
Oh, what peace we often forfeit,  
Oh, what needless pain we bear,  
All because we do not carry  
Everything to God in prayer!

Have we trials and temptations?  
Is there trouble anywhere?  
We should never be discouraged—  
Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Can we find a friend so faithful,  
Who will all our sorrows share?  
Jesus knows our every weakness;  
Take it to the Lord in prayer.

Are we weak and heavy-laden,  
Cumbered with a load of care?  
Precious Savior, still our refuge—  
Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?  
Take it to the Lord in prayer!  
In His arms He'll take and shield thee,  
Thou wilt find a solace there.

Blessed Savior, Thou hast promised  
Thou wilt all our burdens bear;  
May we ever, Lord, be bringing  
All to Thee in earnest prayer.  
Soon in glory bright, unclouded,  
There will be no need for prayer—  
Rapture, praise, and endless worship  
Will be our sweet portion there.

## **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

Let us pray:

**Almighty God, we thank you that in your great love you have fed us with the spiritual food and drink of the Body and Blood of your Son *Jesus Christ*, and have given us a foretaste of your heavenly banquet. Grant that this Sacrament may be to us a comfort in affliction, and a pledge of our inheritance in that kingdom where there is no death, neither sorrow nor crying, but the fullness of joy with all your saints; through *Jesus Christ* our Savior. Amen.**

## **THE COMMENDATION**

Give rest, O Christ, to your servant with your saints, where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing, but life everlasting.

You only are immortal, the creator and maker of mankind; and we are mortal, formed of the earth, and to earth shall we return. For so did you ordain when you created me, saying, “You are dust, and to dust you shall return.” All of us go down to the dust; yet even at the grave we make our song: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**Give rest, O Christ, to your servant with your saints, where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing, but life everlasting.**

Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant Felicia. Acknowledge, we humbly beseech you, a sheep of your own fold, a lamb of your own flock, a sinner of your own redeeming. Receive her into the arms of your mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints in light. **Amen.**

## **PRIESTLY BLESSING**

*Celebrant*  
*People*

Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia**

## **RECESSIONAL HYMN**

### AMAZING GRACE

Amazing grace how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me.  
I once was lost but now am found, was blind but now I see.

Through many dangers, toils and snares, I have already come; tis grace  
that brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun.  
We've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.

The congregation is invited to visit with the family after this service at  
**976 Bethel School Road, Coppell 75019** (three minutes around the corner).

**Felicia Wimalawanthi** Jeyarajah, born in Sri Lanka on July 13, 1931, was a true trailblazer. She was among the early group of women to graduate from University of Peradeniya, where she trained to become an educator. At 5'2" and draped in a sari, she commanded respect at the helm of many classrooms. She was the third of nine Selvadurai children— perhaps she adopted her steely, straightforward demeanor in her early years. She married Reginald and had Renuka, Arjun, and Rohan. She nurtured their curiosity and ensured they attended the best schools. Each of Felicia's children are now leaders in their respective fields.

Felicia was wry and practical. She and Reggie brought up their children in Zambia, leaving their home country amid rising political turmoil. She fielded new social challenges with grace, dignity, and humor.

Once, she was hospitalized at a ripe, old age, and her medical team initiated end-of-life planning. However, Felicia wasn't interested in dying then. She told her family that she'd wait until the next election. This happened seven years ago— hundreds of king-size Hershey bars, dozens of slices of cheesecake, and five rings (three on her third finger) later. What better way to mark the passing days?

Felicia took her final breaths surrounded by loved ones on September 25, 2024. She is survived by siblings Letitia (late Vernon), Timothy (Indranee), David (Christine), Stephen (Gnana), Paul (Debbie), and Rohini (Luke); children Renuka (Mark), Arjun (Jenny), and Rohan (Shemara); grandchildren Amaya, Mishthi (Lucas), Angeli (Julian), Yasmin, Nicholas, Shehan (Bhargavi), Prashan, and Shara; and the wonderful Healthcare Resort of Plano staff. She is joining Reggie, Anton, Pat, and her parents.